

Red Cross Drive Reaches 75% Of Year's Quota

Harry Greenwood, Torrance Red Cross fund chairman, announced that his volunteer workers have collected to date 75 percent of the 1949 campaign goal of \$4,687.

State Tax Filing Deadline Friday

Deadline for filing state income tax returns is April 15, local residents were warned today.

Married persons earning \$4500 after deductions, and single persons earning \$3000 after deductions must file returns as must anyone who earned \$6000 in 1948, regardless of deductions.



OVERFLOW... Part of the crowd that could not get inside the Gibson-DeVore Home Appliance Company to see and hear the tragic ending to the Kathy Fiscus story Sunday night overflows onto the sidewalk to witness the event over one of the seven television receivers set up to handle the crowd. The company remained open for 52 continuous hours.—Herald Photo.

VISITORS TO MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Miles and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rogers report an enjoyable weekend spent at Ensenada, Mexico. They were luncheon guests at Rosarito Beach Hotel en route.

KATHY FISCUS TRAGEDY MOVES ENTIRE CITY

Anxiety, tears and sleepless nights came to Torrance this week—as they did in cities throughout the nation. These emotions came as the city, along with the rest of the world, forgot its own troubles for the weekend to worry and pray—pray for a little, pretty blonde, three-year-old girl, Kathy Fiscus.

Here in Torrance hundreds of persons spent Friday and Saturday nights sleepless in order to keep the 52-hour vigil and watch by television the heart-breaking, dramatic rescue attempt.

Many Torrance residents, without television sets of their own assembled at Gibson-DeVore, local home appliance company, located at 1875 Carson street, Philip H. Gibson and Floyd R. DeVore, with the unselfish aid of their employees, stayed open the entire 52 hours of the rescue endeavor.

The company hastily hooked up one television set after another as more aid more people began to gather inside and in front of the concern. At one time seven sets were necessary to accommodate the approximately 300 persons who crowded around the sets to watch the rescue work.

The all-night vigil ended and the world became a little sadder as one of the greatest human interest stories of all times slipped from the headlines following the announcement late Sunday evening that the child's lifeless body had been removed from the 14-inch pipe which had been her tomb 100 feet beneath the earth's surface in San Marino.

Switchboards at newspaper offices and radio stations everywhere were jammed from the moment the child's plight became known last Friday afternoon.

Veteran newsmen voiced the opinion that the story will rank as one of the most dramatic of all times.

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